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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE I: LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF BANGLADESH  
TRADE WITH CUBA

REF: (A) STATE 119389 (B) DACCA 2605

1. AS INDICATED REF A, PARA 1, ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY LAINGEN BRIEFED BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR HOSSAIN  
ALI JUNE 7 ON POTENTIAL LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE  
TITLE I PROGRAMS OF BDG TRADE WITH CUBA. AMBASSADOR ALI  
WAS GIVEN COPY OF MAY 4 BANGLADESH OBSERVER ARTICLE ON  
SUBJECT, AS WELL AS TEXTS OF RELEVANT US LEGISLATION. AFTER  
HEARING LAINGEN EXPLANATION OF POTENTIALLY SERIOUS PROBLEM,  
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ALI SAID HE WOULD REPORT SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION TO

DACCA. HE WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF USG CONCERN, AND WAS PROBABLY NOT AWARE OF BDG TRADE WITH CUBA.

2. IN INFORMING ALI OF BANGLADESH OBSERVER REPORT AND RELATING IT TO PL 480, SEC. 103 (D) (3) AND SECONDARILY TO FAA, SEC. 620, LAINGEN STRESSED THAT THIS MATTER IS NOT RAISED WITH BDG FOR POLICY REASONS BUT BECAUSE OF STATUTORY REQUIREMENT. HE WENT OVER FOUR QUESTIONS TO WHICH EMBASSY DACCA SEEKING ANSWERS (REFTEL A, PARA 2), STATING THAT LEGAL DETERMINATION WOULD BE MADE BASED ON INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN REPLY TO THESE QUESTIONS. LAINGEN MENTIONED THAT AID'S DONALD MACDONALD HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH NURUL ISLAM OF PLANNING COMMIS-

SION IN DACCA AND THAT AMBASSADOR BOSTER HAD RAISED IT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KAMAL HOSSAIN. IN CONCLUDING, LAINGEN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS MATTER WOULD NOT BECOME SUBJECT OF PUBLIC DEBATE WHICH MIGHT COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE POTENTIALLY AWKWARD SITUATION.

3. IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR ALI ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF FULL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS PROBLEM. HE WAS CONCERNED WHETHER PROVISIONS OF PL 480 RELATE TO TRADE WITH ALL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, AND WAS SHOWN THAT SECTION 103(D)(3) SPECIFIES CUBA AND NORTH VIETNAM ONLY AND NOT COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN GENERAL. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT SINCE BANGLADESH IS NEW TITLE I RECIPIENT AND BDG COORDINATION BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS PRESUMABLY IS LESS THAN PERFECT, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A TRADE ARRANGEMENT HAD BEEN ENTERED INTO INADVERTENTLY.

4. NO EFFORT WAS MADE IN THIS SESSION TO ADVISE ON TECHNICAL LEGAL QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE WHEN FACTS OF CASE ARE KNOWN. SISCO

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